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*Correspondence relative to measures for the elimination of plague infection in San Francisco.*

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., *February 12, 1903.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith copies of correspondence in relation to bringing about joint action for the elimination of plague infection in San Francisco.

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It is impossible for me to report in detail all the preliminary work leading up to the present harmonious state of affairs. The old members of the city board of health are pleased with the turn of affairs, and attribute the break in the deadlock in the election of their president to these events. The new president of the board, Mr. Casey, in company with Health Officer O'Brien, visited the laboratory February 10, when we started the reenforced work of inspection of Chinatown, and pledged his undivided support. All opposing interests have withdrawn and the contentions of the past few years are dissipated, so far as a clear field for the elimination of plague is concerned. The problem now is simply to carry on effective inspection service, with measures to eradicate the infection. The city chemist is preparing poison for the wholesale destruction of rats. This poison will be introduced in the Chinatown sewers in a few days. This will be followed by the use of traps in the Chinese quarters and areas and, if necessary, by a per capita tax upon rats. The cubic air space regulation is being enforced by the chief of police, and he assures me that his whole force is at our command, if necessary. The board of public works and supervisors is controlled in our interests by the citizens' committee, who stand ready to back us in any reasonable request.

The detail work is harmoniously organized and reenforced, to be carried on for an indefinite length of time. Cases of plague will probably be found in due season, but the situation is well in hand. On account of the continued heavy rains no sickness will probably develop just at the present time. It is proposed to inspect all the Chinese wash-houses in the city outside of Chinatown and also to have an eye upon the so-called Latin quarter. The two sanitary inspectors are also observing the outlets to the city.

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Respectfully,

A. H. GLENNAN, *Surgeon.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

[Telegram.]

SAN FRANCISCO, *February 4, 1903.*

HON. GEORGE C. PARDEE,

*Governor State of California, Sacramento, Cal.:*

Dr. Gardner says he has no authority from you to act in conjunction with Dr. Glennan and city health officer on work in Chinatown. Will

you send him proper instructions and also replace present inspectors and increase number to seven?

FRANK J. SYMMES,  
*Chairman Mercantile Joint Committee.*

NOTE.—Telegram was also sent the Governor February 7, 1903, requesting him to notify the mayor and city board of health, officially, of his direction for cooperative action, which he did the same day.

GLENNAN.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,  
*Sacramento, February 7, 1903.*

DR. MATTHEW GARDNER,  
*Member State Board of Health, San Francisco, Cal.*

DEAR SIR: This is to inform you that I have authorized and do hereby authorize you to act for the State and represent its interests by cooperating with the San Francisco board of health and with the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service of the United States Government in the adoption and execution of such measures as may be necessary for the elimination of contagious disease in San Francisco.

Very respectfully,

GEO. C. PARDEE,  
*Governor of the State of California.*

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,  
*Sacramento, February, 7, 1903.*

DR. A. H. GLENNAN,  
*Occidental Hotel, San Francisco, Cal.*

DEAR SIR: Inclosed please find a copy of a notification which Governor Pardee has sent to the president of the San Francisco board of health.

Very respectfully,

A. B. NYE,  
*Private Secretary to Governor.*

FEBRUARY 7, 1903.

DR. J. W. WARD (Acting President),  
*President San Francisco Board of Health,  
City Hall, San Francisco, Cal.*

DEAR SIR: I hereby inform you officially that I have authorized Dr. Matthew Gardner to cooperate, as the State's representative, with the department of public health of the city and county of San Francisco and with the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service of the United States Government in all measures which it may be found necessary to adopt for the elimination of contagious disease in San Francisco. I respectfully request you, as president of the San Francisco board of health, to inform such board of the fact when you have received this notification, and I trust that all due credit and authority will be accorded Dr. Gardner as the State's representative in this matter.

Very respectfully,

GEO. C. PARDEE,  
*Governor of the State of California.*

NOTE.—At special meeting of the city board of health Monday morning, February 9, 1903, Mr. Michael Casey was elected president, and the above letter read and accepted. Mr. Casey is also a member of the board of public works.

SAN FRANCISCO, *February 7, 1903.*

Dr. A. H. GLENNAN,

*United States Marine-Hospital Service, Occidental Hotel.*

DEAR SIR: In accordance with the verbal understanding which was reached at a conference between the representatives of the various mercantile bodies of this city and our representatives on Wednesday last, we beg to state that this association desires to aid you and any other authorities representing the health boards in any investigation which you may desire to make of the health conditions in Chinatown. For that purpose we shall be pleased to send a representative with you at any time to any quarters which you may desire to investigate. You may secure such representative by either telephoning or personally calling at our headquarters, No. 738 Commercial street. If at any time you find that you can not get access to sick people of the Chinese race in this city, we shall be pleased to exert in your behalf such influence as we may possess to allow you to visit such sick room. We have no power to compel the patient to employ a white physician, but we think that we can give you an opportunity of examining the patient.

Awaiting your pleasure, we beg to remain, very truly, yours,

CHINESE CONSOLIDATED BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

By YEE FUN, *Secretary.**Daily sanitary report to public health commission.*

Inspector's report for ..... 190..

Street ..... Building No. .... Room No. ....

Name of occupant .....

No. persons occupying premises..... No. rooms.....

Building used as (dwelling or store) .....

Sanitary condition of building.....

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Sanitary condition of rear areas .....

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Condition of plumbing .....

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Are there flush closets? .....

How is building lighted? .....

## SICK REPORT.

Name..... Age.....

Nativity..... Last residence .....

Occupation..... How long sick .....

Attending physician .....

Probable nature of illness .....

Remarks .....

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*Inspector.*